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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2002, please enter the following amendments to the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. An apparatus for incubating and determining the state of individual cells within a plurality of cells comprising: